

**CITY OF EAST ORANGE
THE EAST ORANGE CITY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE MEETING**

Tuesday, October 13, 2020

5:30 P.M.

(Minutes from the Meeting of September 28, 2020)

**CHRISTOPHER D. JAMES
City Council Chairman**

First Ward

**Christopher D. James
Amy Lewis**

Second Ward

**Christopher Awe
Brittany D. Claybrooks**

Third Ward

**Bergson Leneus
Vernon Pullins, Jr.**

Fourth Ward

**Casim L. Gomez
Tameika Garrett-Ward**

Fifth Ward

**Alicia Holman
Mustafa AL-M. Brent**



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The following minutes are of necessity, condensed and abridged and do not purport to contain the full contents of the matters discussed. The items referred are subject to legal opinion as to validity.

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE MEETING
September 28, 2020

The East Orange City Council met on September 28, 2020 at 5:42 P.M. in City Council Chambers, 44 City Hall Plaza, East Orange, and New Jersey. Adequate notice of such meeting was duly given in accordance with law, by publication in local newspapers and by posting on the bulletin board outside and within City Council Chambers.

On Roll Call the following Members of Council were present:

Casim L. Gomez; Jr.; Vernon Pullins; Tameika Garrett-Ward; Bergson Leneus; Alicia Holman; Amy Lewis; Christopher Awe; Brittany Claybrooks; Christopher D. James

Absent

Mustafa Al-M Brent

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT

Solomon Steplight, City Administrator	City Administrator
Malee Wing, Corporation Counsel	Law Department
Romal Bullock, Director	Tax Assessor
Mark Barner, Director	Property Maintenance
Daniel Jennings, Director	Planning
Carolyn R. Reed, Director	East Orange Public Library
Christopher Coke, Director	Public Works
Domingos Saldida, Director	Public Safety
Andre Williams, Chief	Fire Department
Mabelteen Tucker, Director	Human Resources

ALSO PRESENT

Jamal Pearson	Recreation
Muzammil Mohamed-Stevens	Public Works

OPEN HEARING OF CITIZENS

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 3 of the Rules of City Council, each person wishing to address the Council, shall step up to the microphone, shall give his/her name in an audible tone for the record and unless further time is granted by the Presiding Officer, shall limit remarks to three minutes.

All members of the public are expected to conduct themselves in a proper manner. Any derogatory, abusive or threatening statements will not be permitted. The Chair will immediately rule such conduct out of order and terminate any further comments.

COMMITTEES

100-ARTS, RECREATION & CULTURAL AFFAIRS
200-BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND ZONING
300-FINANCE
400-HEALTH AND EDUCATION
500-HOUSING, LICENSING AND INSPECTION
600-LAW AND LEGISLATION
700-PLANNING AND GRANTS
800-PUBLIC SAFETY
900-PUBLIC WORKS
1000-COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

100 - ARTS, RECREATION & CULTURAL AFFAIRS

TAMEIKA GARRETT-WARD-CHAIRWOMAN

Pullins, Brent, Lewis

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| 101. | Recreation Department | In Committee |
| 102. | East Orange Public Library | In Committee |
| 103. | Shedrack Basil Skeete – Memorial | Resolution to be presented |
| 104. | Mittie B. Lassiter-Worrell – Memorial | Resolution to be presented |

200 - BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND ZONING

CASIM GOMEZ – CHAIRMAN

Awe, Claybrooks, Brent

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| 201. | Brick Church Mall | In Committee |
| 202. | Brick Church Urban Renewal | In Committee |
| 203. | Economic Development Corp. | In Committee |
| 204. | Board of Adjustment | In Committee |
| 205. | Community Development Corp. | In Committee |
| 206. | Sanford Evergreen Connector | In Committee |
| 207. | Resolution Designating Fraleg Group Inc or an Entity to be Created as Redeveloper for a Certain Property Located in the Transit Village District Redevelopment Zone and an Urban Enterprise Zone | Resolution to be presented |
| 208. | Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Redevelopment Agreement Between the City of East Orange and 440 MLK Dr LLC for Certain Property Identified on the Tax Map of the City of East Orange as Block 370, Lot2, Commonly Known as 440A-442 MLK Dr. | Resolution to be presented |
| 209. | Resolution Amending and Extending the Designation of Jaric Development as Redeveloper for 440 and 444 Dr. MLK, Jr., Blvd Located in the Transit Village Redevelopment Area | Resolution to be presented |
| 210. | Resolution Authorizing a Community Benefits Agreement Between the City of East Orange and SV 19 N Harrison Urban Renewal Entity, LLC | Resolution to be presented |

300 - FINANCE

CHRISTOPHER AWE – CHAIRMAN

Lewis, Pullins, Holman

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| 301. | Personnel | In Committee |
| 302. | Tax Refund | In Committee |
| 303. | Labor Negotiations | In Committee |
| 304. | Tax Revaluation | In Committee |
| 305. | Tax Sale Certificate | In Committee |
| 306. | In Rem Foreclosure | In Committee |
| 307. | Payroll No. 19 | Resolution to be presented |
| 308. | Stop Payments | In Committee |
| 309. | Legal Transfer | In Committee |
| 310. | Tax Payment Plan | In Committee |
| 311. | Tax Appeal Refunds | In Committee |
| 312. | Annual Tax Sale | In Committee |
| 313. | Tax Abatement | In Committee |
| 314. | In Lieu of Taxes | In Committee |
| 315. | Bills, Claims & Appropriations – September 28, 2020 | Resolution to be presented |
| 316. | Tax Sale Assignment | In Committee |
| 317. | Tax Lien | In Committee |

300 – FINANCE - Continued
CHRISTOPHER AWE – CHAIRMAN
Lewis, Pullins, Holman

318.	Tax Lien Redemption	In Committee
319.	Budget Insertions	In Committee
320.	Status of Women	In Committee
321.	Auction	In Committee
322.	Duplicate Tax Payments - \$32,066.46	Resolution to be presented
323.	Miscellaneous Refund	In Committee
324.	Electronic Tax Sale Program	Resolution to be presented
325.	Tax Appeal Refunds - \$278,097.37	
326.	Resolution Authorizing a Professional service Agreement Between the City of East Orange and Berneke Economics	Resolution to be presented
327.	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus Cares Act (CDBG-CV)	Resolution to be presented
328.	Authorize Payment of Accumulated Absence Liabilities to Former Employee - \$5,139.39	Resolution to be presented
329.	Resolution of the City of East Orange, in the County of Essex, New Jersey Authorizing an Application to the Local Finance Board With Respect to not to Exceed \$1,000,000 Non-Recourse Taxable Special Obligation Pilot Redevelopment Area Bonds to Finance a Portion of the Summit Street Project Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-29(a)(3) and N.J.S.A. 40A:12-67(g)	Resolution to be presented

400 – HEALTH and EDUCATION
BERGSON LENEUS – CHAIRMAN
Garrett-Ward, Holman, Claybrooks

401.	Child Guidance Clinic	In Committee
402.	Health Department	In Committee
403.	Mental Health Board	In Committee
404.	East Orange General Hospital	In Committee
405.	East Orange Board of Education	In Committee
406.	Resolution Award Cost Estimating Services (Lead Grant Program)	

500 – HOUSING, LICENSING AND INSPECTION
ALICIA HOLMAN – CHAIRWOMAN
Claybrooks, Gomez, Leneus

501.	Rent Leveling	In Committee
502.	Affordable Housing Program	In Committee
503.	Housing Authority	In Committee
504.	Housing, Planning & Coordinating	In Committee
505.	Private Parking Rentals	In Committee
506.	Senior Citizens Housing	In Committee
507.	Housing Summit	In Committee

700 – PLANNING and GRANTS
BRITTANY D. CLAYBROOKS – CHAIRWOMAN
Gomez, Leneus, Garrett-Ward

701.	Community Development	In Committee
702.	Safe and Clean	In Committee
703.	Small Tools Library	In Committee
704.	Green Acres Grant	In Committee
705.	Women's Summit in Committee	In Committee

800 - PUBLIC SAFETY
AMY LEWIS – CHAIRWOMAN
Brent, Garrett-Ward, Pullins

801.	Police Department	In Committee
802.	Fire Department	In Committee
803.	Resolution Ratifying a Shared Service Agreement Between the City of East Orange and the East Orange Board of Education	Resolution to be presented
804.	Resolution Supporting and Approving the Submission of an Application for Involuntary Accidental Disability Retirement Under the Police and Firemen's Retirement System	Resolution to be presented
805.	Resolution Supporting and Approving the Submission of an Application for Involuntary Accidental Disability Retirement Under the Police and Firemen's Retirement System	Resolution to be presented
806.	Resolution to Acknowledge the Month of October 2020 as a National Fire Prevention Month in the City of East Orange	Resolution to be presented
807.	Resolution Authorizing the Advertisement of Invitation to Bid for Source Capture Exhaust System for East Orang Fire Department	Resolution to be presented

900 - PUBLIC WORKS
MUSTAFA AL-BRENT – CHAIRMAN
Holman, Awe, Gomez

901.	Capital Improvement Projects	Under Construction
902.	Streetscape	In Committee

600 - LAW AND LEGISLATION
VERNON PULLINS, JR. – CHAIRMAN
Leneus, Lewis, Awe

601.	Ordinance on First Reading	<p><u>Ordinance No. 34 of 2020</u> Ordinance Amending the 2015 East Orange Transit Village District Redevelopment Plan to Permit Ground Floor Office Space Uses Along Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard in Both the Central Business District and the Arts and Cultural District</p> <p><u>Ordinance No. 35 of 2020</u> Ordinance to Transfer a City Owned Lot to Andre Cooper LLC in the Transit Village Redevelopment Area Under the Auspices of N.J.S.A. 40:12-A-1 et seq, Known as the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law</p> <p><u>Ordinance No. 36 of 2020</u> Ordinance Amending Ordinance 17 of 2017 to Extend the Time Frame for Completion of the Execution of an Amended Financial Agreement Between the City of East Orange and SV 19 N Harrison Urban Renewal Entity, LLC</p>
602.	Ordinances on Second and Final Reading	In Committee
603.	Bingo/Raffles	In Committee
604.	A.B.C.	In Committee
605.	City Council Rules	In Committee
606.	Settlements	In Committee
607.	Comcast/Suburban Cable Contract	In Committee
608.	Taxi Cabs vs. Livery Licenses	In Committee
609.	Reappointment of Darryl Gayton to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board	Resolution to be presented

1000- COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

1000. East Orange Parking Authority

In Committee

Meeting adjourned at 5:57 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:
Cynthia S. Brown, City Clerk



EAST ORANGE CITY COUNCIL

Public Meeting Dates

2020

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&Times / 5:30 PM COMMITTEE DISCUSSION & AGENDA MEETINGS
6:00 PM REGULAR OFFICIAL MEETINGS



Meetings are held every 2nd & 4th Monday of the month.
Residents are Encouraged to Attend.

In accordance with the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, Public Notice is hereby given that the East Orange City Council has established the following 2020 Meeting Dates.

Formal action may take place at these Meetings. Executive Sessions may be held at Committee Meetings or at Regular Meetings. The Meetings will be held in the City Council Chambers located at 44 City Hall Plaza, East Orange, New Jersey. 07018

MONDAY, JANUARY 13th	TUESDAY, MAY 26th	TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13th
MONDAY, JANUARY 27th	MONDAY, JUNE 8th	MONDAY, OCTOBER 26th
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10th	MONDAY, JUNE 22nd	MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9th
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24th	MONDAY, JULY 13th	MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23rd
MONDAY, MARCH 9th	MONDAY, JULY 27th	MONDAY, DECEMBER 14th
MONDAY, MARCH 23rd	MONDAY, AUGUST 10th	MONDAY, DECEMBER 28th
MONDAY, APRIL 13th	MONDAY, AUGUST 24th	<div>CITY COUNCIL REORGANIZATION MEETING MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 2021 @ 6:00 PM</div>
MONDAY, APRIL 27th	MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14th	
MONDAY, MAY 11th	MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28th	

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In accordance with Executive Order 107, the City of East Orange Offices are closed to the public.

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